



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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SLSC & SERVICES TO ENSURE USE OF APPROVED GEAR AND EQUIPMENT ONLY

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Summary

The purpose of this circular is to remind surf life saving clubs and services of the importance of using SLSA approved gear and equipment only, as stipulated on the SLSA approved gear and equipment list.

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Surf Life Saving Australia and their state and territory offices wish to remind clubs and support services that the gear and equipment purchased for lifesaving purposes must be listed on SLSA's 'Approved Gear and Equipment' list. The purpose of this list is to provide clubs with multiple options to purchase safe, cost effective equipment that meets/exceeds their lifesaving purposes.

The approved gear and equipment list can be found on the SLSA website at www.slsa.asn.au: quick links - admin and resources – gear and equipment – approved gear and equipment list.

The gear and equipment on the approved list has undergone extensive trials and testing by a number of states and territories to ensure safety and quality. The importance of the list has been proven through our trials where some equipment from manufacturers has shown poor quality and durability, the potential to cause injury and reduced longevity.

Research and development of equipment is essential if we are to continue saving lives in the water and SLSA encourages clubs to put forward new items of gear and equipment for approval. If your club identifies new equipment that meets or exceeds our needs for lifesaving purposes, please contact the National Lifesaving Development Officer on (02) 9300 4000.